Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—The cases attended to in the Trichur Hospital, the Kunnamkulam, etc., are more or less of the same nature, and the charges should also be naturally the same here. I ask this question, because I am not satisfied with this answer.

President.—Dr. Verghese, your attention is drawn to the Trichur Hospital and Kunnamkulam Hospital. In the former, it is 2 as. 11 ps., and in the latter it is 2 as. 11·3 ps. The member wants to know the reasons for the excess in Kunnamkulam over Trichur.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—In Kunnamkulam, though surgical cases were not so large; there must have been serious medical cases such as of pneumonia, typhoid fever; etc., and very serious cases require more expensive diet. There is also a slight difference in the tender rates of the provisions between Kunnamkulam and Trichur.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—But the rates in Kunnamkulam are cheaper than those of Trichur. In the Chalakkudi Hospital, in my constituency, the rate is 1 anna 9·01 ps. per patient. Can a man live on that?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I have got an explanation from the Chalakkudi Medical Officer. He says that the patients there are generally given *kanji* diet, and this accounts for the difference because most of the cases were malaria cases among coolies who were given *kanji* diet during fever.

The average daily attendance in Government Dispensaries.

421. **Mr. George Chakyamuri**—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the average daily attendance of patients in the Government Dispensary at Andikkadavu for the years 1100 and 1101;

(2) whether it compares favourably with the average attendance in the other dispensaries of the State?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) Average attendance for 1100 .. 71·31.

Do for 6 months of 1101 .. 63·77.

(2) The average daily attendance of the dispensaries for 1100 is given below for the purpose of comparison.

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Institutions.	*Daily average attendance in 1100.*
Mulanturuttu Dispensary	59·9
Trippunittura Dispensary	142·62
Male Dispensary, Mattancheri	130·6
Narakkal Dispensary	248·8
Ayyampilli Dispensary	129·24
Cranganur Dispensary	189·46
Kattur Dispensary	38·22
Antikkad Dispensary	58·21
Palayannur Dispensary	41·73
Kolinjampara Dispensary	32·86
Palace Dispensary, Trippunittura	31·44
Kandakkadavu Dispensary	71·31
Mala Dispensary	79·48
Chowwara Dispensary	88·72
Malayattur Dispensary	106·56
Kuriarkutti Dispensary	10·46
Pudukkad Dispensary	82·42
Vadakkancheri Dispensary	79·42
Nanniode Dispensary	41·73
Ophthalmic Dispensary, Ernakulam	51·84

422. Mr. George Chakyamuri .—If the answer to sub-division (2) of question above be in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state whether it has ascertained the reasons for the same, particularly, with reference to the fact that it is located in one of the most thickly populated villages in the State ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The answer is not in the negative. Government consider that attendance will improve when greater facilities for communication are afforded.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Am I to understand that the Hospital at present is situated in a place which is easily accessible to the people ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There is really considerable inconvenience for the access of the people to this Dispensary. The main communication there is the Chellanam Canal, and there are other cross canals also. During the agricultural season, the canals are bunded, and people are put to serious inconvenience to get to this place. I have received complaints about this trouble of the canal being bunded and its barring of agricultural operations.

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